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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/817,239	Applicant(s) HACK ET AL.	
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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____. | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-5 and 16-18, drawn to a tablet for oral administration of indium comprising specific amounts of indium sulfate, caffeine, cocoa powder, ethyl cellulose, zinc oxide, copper (II) oxide, magnesium oxide, potassium iodide, selenium amino acid chelate, chromium amino acid chelate and manganese amino acid chelate, and method of producing such a tablet, classified in multiple subclasses in classes 424 and 514, such as 424/617, 635, 641, 643, 650, 655, 670, 688-689, 702, class 514/419, 423, 556, 561-562, 563-565, 567.
- II. Claims 6-15 and 19-20, drawn to a tablet for oral administration of indium comprising at least one indium salt and at least one excipient, and method of orally administering such a tablet, classified in class 424/650 and 514/492.

The two inventions are distinct because they are formulated differently. Group I is limited to a specific tablet comprising 11 different ingredients, including indium sulfate, at specific amounts. In contrast, all that Group II requires is any indium salt + an excipient. Clearly these two inventions are patentably distinct because they are directed to materially different compositions with distinct composition ingredients.

There would be undue burden on the Examiner if the restriction were not required. Nutritional supplement field is a broad and challenging field to search. A

quick GOOGLE search using any nutritional supplement concept will give an idea as to the vast volume of potential prior art. The prior art is not sequestered conveniently in any one given database that is readily searchable. The patent classification is divergent, and the literature search burden for just one of the invention group would already be quite serious due to the demanding task of culling through potential prior art nutritional supplement documents. Therefore, taken with the separate classification of the two inventions, the divergent literature search that would be required, and the already sufficient burden of searching and examining just one invention group, the additional burden of examining both invention groups would be undue.

For these reasons of distinctness and undue burden, the restriction requirement as set forth above is deemed to be proper.

A telephone call was made to Mr. Weiss on 1/24/2006 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim

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remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

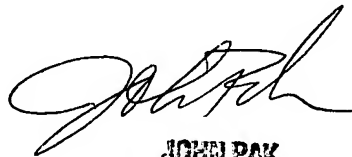
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to JOHN PAK whose telephone number is **(571)272-0620**. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's SPE, Gary Kunz, can be reached on **(571)272-0887**.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **(571)273-8300**.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571)272-1600.

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